Rules of Plant Quarantine

1810. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :
SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the rules of Plant Quarantine as they stand today;

(b) whether Government feel that a need has arisen to amend the rules; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) The Plant Quarantine rules govern the import of plants/plant materials as per "The Plants" Fruits and Seeds (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 1989" issued under the Destructive Insects and Pests Act, 1914. These regulations are meant to ward-off the risk of introduction of exotic pests or diseases. Salient aspects of the regulations are :—

(i) Requirement of Import Permit for prescribing phytosanitary pre-requisites.

(ii) Need for Phytosanitary Certificate (PSC) as per International Plant Protection Convention.

(iii) Additional declarations for freedom from specified pests & diseases in the PSC.

(iv) Inspection of consignments at the port of entry for pests & diseases.

(v) Treatment to exterminate pest & disease, if required.

(vi) Grow Out Test to eliminate the possibilities of some hidden plant pathogens.

(vii) Post Entry Quarantine to ensure freedom from pests and diseases in case of specified planting material.

(viii) Specific requirements for import of soil, live insects and fungi etc.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In view of reply to part (b) above, question does not arise.

Production of Shellac

1811. SHRI SHIBCHARAN SINGH :
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total production of Shellac in the country, State-wise;

(b) what target of production is set for the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to achieve this target ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected, which will be furnished later.

National Land Use and Conservation Board

1812. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :
SHRI RAM RATAN RAM :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present structure of the National Land Use and Conservation Board;

(b) who are its present members;

(c) the details of the achievements made by this Board since its inception; and

(d) whether Government feel that the Board is still useful ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) and (b) The National Land Use and Conservation Board (NLCB) is functioning under the Chairmanship of Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission with Secretary,